

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

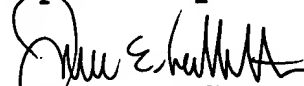
Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to his representative during a telephone interview on April 8, 2005. A summary of the issues discussed during the interview is provided below.

Claims 9, 10, 12, and 13 have been amended in accordance with the suggestions proposed by the Examiner, in the Final Rejection and during the interview, for placing claims 9-13 in condition for allowance. As a result, the rejections of claims 9-13 are believed to be obviated.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain that may best be resolved through a telephone call, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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